



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **AKAGAWA, et al.**

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For: **OPTICAL DEVICE, METHOD FOR CLEANING THE SAME, PROJECTION ALIGNER, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 22, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 22, 2002**, extended to **November 22, 2002** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Delete the current Abstract and replace therewith the attached substitute Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 50 as follows:

50. (Amended) A method of storing an optical device with plural optical elements disposed, wherein the optical device has a barrel with plural optical elements disposed therein, and protective filters detachably mounted on each end of the barrel, with at least one of the

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